

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DANVILLE

## 2010 First Baptist Church Missions Offering

### GOAL: \$15,000



**GLOBAL MISSIONS: 30%**  
*Baptist WorldAid*  
*CBF Global Missions Offering*

**ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS: 10%**  
*Hope Builders*  
*Klothes 4 Kids*

**VIRGINIA MISSIONS: 10%**  
*Alma Hunt Offering for State*  
*Missions*

**LOCAL MISSIONS: 50%**  
*DOVES*  
*God's Storehouse*  
*Good News Jail and Prison Ministry*  
*House of Hope*

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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2010**

**God's Most Consistent Commandment**

*Rev. Stephen Cook*

Jeremiah 1:4-10; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

**Anthem**

"Blessed Assurance" arr. Raney

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2009**  
**MISSIONS OFFERING**  
**EMPHASIS KICK-OFF**

***The Church and God's Mission***  
***in the World***

*Dr. Rob Nash, Guest Proclaimer*  
Colossians 1:15-23; Psalm 15

**Anthem**

"At the Name of Jesus" by Berry

## Global Missions Leader Comes to FBC



On Sunday, February 7, First Baptist Church has the distinct privilege of welcoming Dr. Rob Nash to the pulpit. Dr. Nash serves as the Global Missions Coordinator for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship based in Atlanta, a position he has held since 2006.

Prior to his service with CBF, Dr. Nash served as dean and professor at Shorter College in Rome, Georgia. He has also served on the faculty at Judson College in Marion, Alabama and as pastor of churches in Kentucky. He grew up in the Philippines where his parents served as missionaries.

Dr. Nash has traveled and written extensively and brings a global concern to the context of the local faith community. His presence with us on February 7 promises to be a gift that will encourage, inspire, and challenge us as we strive to share the love and life of Christ through our missions at First Baptist Church.

**Please take note of our schedule for the morning!** Beginning at 9:00 a.m. we will have a time of informal fellowship with Dr. Nash in the church parlor. You are invited to enjoy good food and even better company during this gathering time. At 9:30 a.m. we will move to the Heritage room where Dr. Nash will lead a joint Sunday school session for all classes prior to preaching for us in the worship hour at 10:30 a.m.

### **EVERY MEMBER IS A MINISTER.**

STEPHEN H. COOK, PASTOR  
JOSHUA D. HEARNE, ASSOC. PASTOR  
JOSEPH C. NORTEN, MINISTER OF MUSIC  
KATHY A. NORTEN, ORGANIST/MUSIC ASSOC.  
DEBRA PURVIS, FINANCIAL ASSISTANT  
TAMMY VAUGHAN, ADMIN. ASSISTANT  
SHERMAN RANSOM, SEXTON  
DOT WALKER, HOUSEKEEPER

### **SPIRE SCHEDULE**

The Spire is normally printed every two weeks.  
The next Spire will be dated February 10, 2010.  
Information for that Spire must be turned in or mailed  
to the church office no later than Friday, February 5, 2010.



Pastoral Ministries

As our annual emphasis on the support of missions commences there is a sense in which we have already begun to give greater attention to this subject in recent days.


The devastation in the wake of Haiti's massive earthquakes is enormous. As of the time of this writing, the estimated number of people who have been left homeless in the destitute nation is pegged at more than 2 million. This is an unimaginable tragedy!

Members of our congregation have already been actively responding with financial support that lends aid to organizations tasked with rescue, recovery, and rebuilding. Thank you for your generosity. All of the gifts given that are designated for Haiti support are being sent to Baptist World Aid, the relief organization of the Baptist World Alliance that is one of our ongoing ministry partners. If you wish

to learn – and see – more about what Baptist World Aid is doing in Haiti you may visit [www.bwanet.org](http://www.bwanet.org).

Of course the needs in Haiti are of a magnitude that they capture international attention for a while. But there are also abundant needs and opportunities to meet those that exist in every place on earth. The First Baptist Missions Offering is a splendid way to give tangible care to concerns that are as close as a few blocks from our church building or as far away as places on the opposite side of the planet.

Amy and I look forward each year to making our gifts to this offering that are over and above our regular offerings for the work of the church. Based on what we have seen in recent days and the way our church is responding, I am confident there are plenty more who will join us in lending their support.

Grace and peace, 




Discipleship Ministries

With the start of the new civic year, it seems that our minds are drawn backward

to the year we've left behind us. 2009 was a great year to be at First Baptist in Danville. After all, it was a year of celebration and planning. It was a year when we remembered who we have been and looked forward to who we are becoming. When I think about the year that was 2009, I find myself most fondly remembering those times when we drew closely together as the Body of Christ in this world, whether we did it through a festive party or a mission project. After a year like 2009, we might be tempted to feel like 2010 will be "relaxed" in comparison but I have my doubts—after all, it's still a good time to be at First Baptist.

But just as our minds are drawn back to fond memories, we also must consider how it is we have grown spiritually and what we can do to continue to grow in 2010. These last few days of January are an excellent time to assess where you are in your walk with God and where you need to focus on growing. Take some time to consider your spiritual health in three major areas: worship, community involvement, and service. Development in these three areas is essential to the health of your spiritual life. If any of these three are deficient we will inevitably find ourselves feeling like we're "not getting anywhere." Do yourself a favor and join with me and others as we take time to look at our own spiritual lives and imagine how we can grow in 2010.

In Christ, 




Music Ministries

The new year has gotten off to a good start with our music groups. God's Ringers/Youth Orff Ensemble and Brass Ensemble meet on Sunday evenings, Adult Music Group meets on Tuesdays, Rookie Ringers meet on Wednesdays, and Baptist Belles and Church Choir meet on Thursdays.

Now is a good time to become involved in one of these groups to find a tangible way to express your faith. In the process you will learn more about music and performance, enjoy the fellowship of other members, and feel the joy that comes with worshiping God and serving God's people. I am happy to answer your questions about any of these groups.

I am making music preparations for the community Ash Wednesday service to be held here at FBC on February 17. We hope to use musicians from many of the downtown churches. It will be a wonderful time of worship with our Main Street neighbors.

Ring, Sing, Play for Joy, 

### Library Announcement

The library has added a number of new books lately. Temple Beth Sholom donated a set of books entitled *Jewish Books of Why* in honor of our 175th anniversary. These books have information on Jewish customs and beliefs. The set can be found in the book case where we display new books. In addition, we continue to add books to the free table. Finally, we are in need of a cover for a large electric typewriter.

### Men's Prayer Breakfast is February 2

Our monthly men's gathering for breakfast, prayer, and fellowship will take place on Tuesday, February 2 at 7:30 a.m. The meeting will be held in the church parlor and biscuits from Biscuitville will be picked up for all who call 793.8331, email office@fbcdanville.com, or come by the church office by Monday, February 1, to place an order.

### 2010 Church Handbook Publication

Our congregation's annual handbook is in the final stages of preparation and is set to go to print in mid-February. In order to finalize the material to be included, **please note: all committees that need to elect a chair but have not yet done so for the year should meet by Wednesday, February 10.** Names of those elected to serve as committee chairs should be turned in at the church office by calling 793.8331 or emailing office@fbcdanville.com.

### Mardi Gras Party

The youth Mardi Gras party will be on Saturday, February 13. Youth should meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. that night. We will load up the church van and go out to Mark and Wendy Mills' home to celebrate "Fat Tuesday" on Saturday. We'll be back at the church at 9:00 p.m.

### Wednesday Night Seminars

Our Wednesday night seminars have already restarted. In case you might have been confused by a previous mistake in *The Spire*, we are reprinting the correct times and locations. At 5:00 p.m. we are offering "The Early Church" with Joe in the Friendship classroom and "The Ministry of Visitation" with Stephen in the Heritage room. At 6:15 p.m. we are offering "Rookie Ringers" with Kathy in the bell room and "Four Ways to Read Revelation" with Joshua in the Friendship classroom.

#### WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL

February 3

Cook: Dot Walker

Servers: Faith-in-Action Class

Host: Jimmy Flippen

February 10

Cook: Dot Walker

Servers: Deacons

Hostess: Suzanne Inlow

#### Nursery Ministries

January 31: John & Janice Gilstrap

February 7: Mark and Wendy Mills

## New Events at FBC

### FBC to Host Community Ash Wednesday Service

Our congregation has been asked to play host to the gathering of area churches to worship on the first day of the Lenten season, Ash Wednesday. This service of introspection and reflection will take place on Wednesday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Prior to the time of worship, a simple supper will be served in the church fellowship hall, beginning at 5:45 p.m. **Please note** the change in time for the meal and that the cost for supper that evening will be \$2/person.

### Youth Lunch

The youth are going out to lunch together on Sunday, January 31, after the service. We'll take the church van and be back by 1:00 p.m. This meal is free for any youth who attends worship that morning and is our way of saying that we like having you here and spending time with you.

### Book Club

The book club is currently working on reading *The Year of Living Biblically* by A.J. Jacobs. If you want to order a copy through the church, the cost is \$11 and checks can be made payable to First Baptist Church. Please make sure that you give your payment to Joshua so that he can keep track of who has and hasn't ordered a book. The deadline for ordering a copy through the church is February 9. The book club will meet to discuss the book on March 9 and April 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Friendship classroom.

### Sanctuary Flowers

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday morning for the month of February, please contact Peggy Smith at 797.5376.

There are many dates still open.

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

February 3: Sandy Turner

February 10: Janice Gilstrap

# ..... FIRST EVENTS .....

## Take Special Note of...

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2010

11:00 a.m. WOM Meeting and Luncheon

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2010

7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast (in parlor)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2010

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2010

12:00 p.m. *The Spire* Information Due

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2010

*Mission Emphasis Kick-Off*

9:00 a.m. Fellowship with Rob Nash

9:30 a.m. Combined Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship with Rob Nash

*No Evening Activities*

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2010

10:30 a.m. Grief Care Group

7:00 p.m. Leadership Council Meeting

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2010

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Youth Mardi Gras Celebration

## Regular Weekly Events

### SUNDAYS

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.  
9:30 - 10:20 a.m.  
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
5:15 - 6:00 p.m.

*(unless contradicted by special events)*

Breakfast Club  
Sunday School  
Worship  
Youth Group  
Youth Music  
Brass Ensemble (adults & youth)

### MONDAYS

7:00 p.m.

Boy Scouts

### TUESDAYS

4:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

Tutoring  
Starmont Swing Band

### WEDNESDAYS

10:00 a.m.  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
5:00 - 5:45 p.m.  
5:30 - 6:15 p.m.  
6:15 - 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Gathering  
Childcare (infants - 4 year old)  
Session 1 (& "The Haven" - ages 5-17)  
Supper is served  
Session 2 (& "The Haven" - ages 5-17)

### THURSDAYS

4:00 p.m.  
4:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

Baptist Belles  
Tutoring  
Church Choir

### SYMPATHIES

To the family of George Davis, Jr.

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Jack Neal



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## Sunday Morning Fellowship

January 31: Pat Harper

February 7: Missions Committee,  
Eileen Best (after worship service)

### OUR STEWARDSHIP

Year-to-Date Revenue (January 17)	\$23,947.92
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$26,396.54
Revenue Received (Under) Expenses	(\$2,448.62)

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